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5. Andhra Pradesh	274	78,880.96
6. West Bengal	123	62,245.15
7. Karnataka	179	47,462.85
8. Madhya Pradesh	97	42,476.00
9. Uttar Pradesh	106	32,007.63
10. Chandigarh	38	30,625.49
11. Kerala	141	23,950.00
12. Punjab	101	22,077.25
13. Rajasthan	20	9,201.00
14. Bihar	42	8,172.00
15. Haryana	37	4,747.00
16. Uttaranchal	14	3,018.00
17. Jharkhand	29	2,870.00
18. Chhattisgarh	8	2,562.00
19. Orissa	21	2,516.00
20. Assam	11	1,126.00
21. Himachal Pradesh	6	1,023.00
22. Jammu & Kashmir	4	652.00
23. Daman	2	437.00
24. Meghalaya	2	256.00
25. Goa	4	235.00
26. Pondicherry	3	229.00
27. Nagaland	1	37.00
TOTAL:	2,647	1,230,650.88

Listing of stock companies

454. SHRI MURLI DEORA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether several listed companies shares are not traded on the bourses and if so, the reasons therefor and what efforts are being made in that respect so that shareholders may not be losers;

(b) the number of feted companies whose registered corporate offces are not traceable, State-wise;

(c) what action has been taken or completed against such companies who are defrauding the investors; and

(d) whether some companies had listed their shares on OTCEI and if so, on what bourses their shares are traded now and if not, what action has been taken against the promoters of such companies?

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(SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) The Securites and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has informed that liquidity is not available in several listed companies shares. Enhancing liquidity in the market has always been on SEBI's agenda. SEBI had advised the Stock Exchange, Mumbai (BSE) to operationalise the scheme for improving liquidity in thinly traded scrips and had approved the proposal of OTCEI on the single call auction market mechanism to address the problem of liquidity.

The Ministry of Company Affairs has informed that at present, there are 122 listed companies which are treated as vanishing companies. Criteria for identifying vanishing companies are as under:—

(i) Companies, which have not complied with listing requirements/ filing requirements of stock exchange/ROC respectively for a period of 2 years; and

(ii) No correspondence has been received by the exchange from the company for a long time; and

(iii) No office of the company is located at the mentioned registered office address at the time of Stock Exchange inspection.

(b) and (c) The latest position regarding State-wise action taken against vanishing companies, their Directors/Promoters, is given in the enclose Statement (See below).

(d) The Securities and Exchange Board of India has informed that earlier there was exclusive listing requirement on OTCEI for companies with post issue paid up capital of less than 3 crores. However, vide amendment made in 2003, companies listed in OTCEI could also be listed in other exchanges. As per the information made available by OTCEI, out of 112 companies listed in OTCEI, securities of 5 companies listed on OTCEI are also listed in other exchanges. The trading of companies shares on exchanges is dependent on market forces and as a result action against promoters for non-trading of shares of companies does not arise.

Statement

State	Number of companies	Number of companies against whieh prosecution Med under Sections 61/63,68 & 628 of the Com-panies Act, 1956	Number of companies against whieh prosecution launched for non-filing of statutory returns	Number of cases where FIRs have been filed/ registered under IPC	
				fetal FIRS Med	Registered
Bihar	4	4	4	4	3
Orissa	2	2	1	2	2
West Bengal	8	5	6	8	8
Delhi	10	10	9	6	—
Punjab & UT of Chandigarh	5	5	S	5	4
Uttar Pradesh	5	5	5	4	—
Andhra Pradash	16	15	9	9	—
Karnataka	5	3	3	3	—
Tamil Nadu	11	14	9	9	6
Cujarat	36	33	33	26	20
Madhya Pradash	5	5	5	5	2
Maharashtra	12	10	10	9	6
TOTAL	122	111	99	90	51

Role of Cost Audit Branch

455. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the role of Cost Audit Branch and the steps being taken to make it effective tool for checking frauds in the matters of companies; and

(b) by when the blue print of work for Cost Audit would be ready?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMPANYAFFAIRS (SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA): (a) The Cost Audit Branch under Ministry